

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bond issue authorizing funds for levee rehabilitation passes

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The State bond issue authorizing state funds for the rebuilding of the Elba and Geneva levees passed both houses of the legislature Monday. The money will be repaid from the state's portion of the tobacco settlement money. In addition to the \$10.4 million levee money, there are funds in

the bond issue to fund development at Mercedes, Honda, Toyota, Boeing, Lockheed Martin (Pike County) and several other industrial developments. There is also wording in the bond issue to furnish start up funds for a high tech connected company expected to employ several hundred people in Enterprise and in Greenville. Senator Jimmy

Holley has said that the company's next American plant will be built in Enterprise. Passage almost failed when lawmakers began voting on the issue. The first, and most persistent move came from the Jefferson County Senate delegation which wanted to add funds for UAB into the bond issue

Senator Ted Little of Auburn, also tried to get amendments to give economic development funds to all 67 counties. The bill finally passed out of the Senate late Monday and went back to the House for concurrence on some minor amendments.

It took several hours in the sun of the regular session to cut off debate on the House floor and bring the issue to a vote, but around 10:00 p.m. on the final night of the session the bond issue was passed intact and on its way to the governor for his signature. House members, who had passed the original measure with only one no vote, took up the cry of Birmingham Senators on the House floor and wanted to know why UAB wasn't included in the bond issue. According to those on the scene, repeated promises to help get funds for the university's needs at a later date finally broke the deadlock and allowed the vote to pass the measure.



Veronica Kidd wins pageant

Veronica Kidd, crowned Alabama's All-American Teen, won the 2001-2002 pageant. She also won Photogenic Teen Miss. All-American Pageants sponsored the first annual Alabama's All-American Sportsman of the Year award April 29 at the Doan

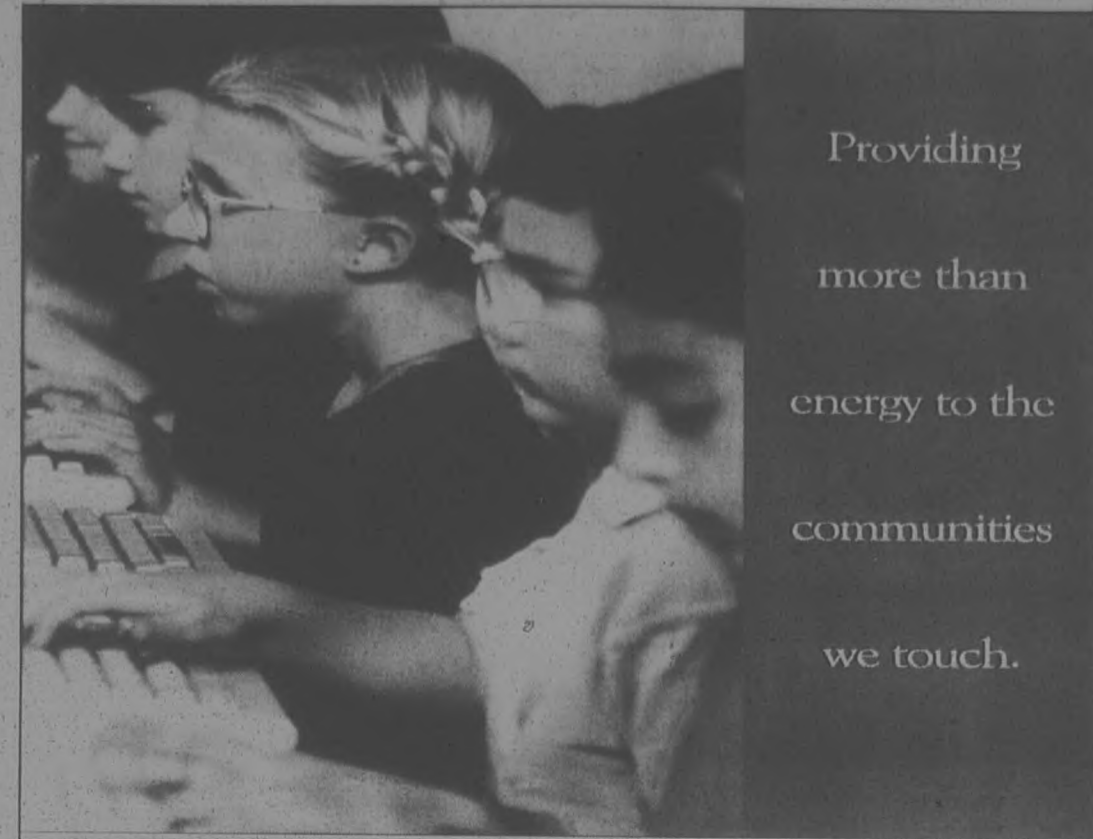
Center in Dothan. This is a fund raising pageant for the Alabama All-American Teen Scholarship Fund which is an official preliminary to the USA's All-American Teen.

Girls ranging from ages 0-15 competed in five categories from the titles of Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Pre-Teen and Junior Miss, as well as Sponsorship Queen.

Veronica is the daughter of Ricky and Teresa Kidd of Jack, Ala. and Cassandra Nelson of Bay St. Louis, Ms. She has three sisters, Rebecca Kidd, Nikki Whitcomb and Courtney Whitcomb.

Veronica will attend Zion Chapel Elementary School in the fall where she was crowned Junior Little Miss Zion Chapel 2001-2002 on April 7. She also won best dress in that pageant.

At both pageants, Veronica wore a green heron dress designed and made by Nikki Jorrell. Courtney Jorrell and Darlene Moran assisted Veronica with her hair and makeup.



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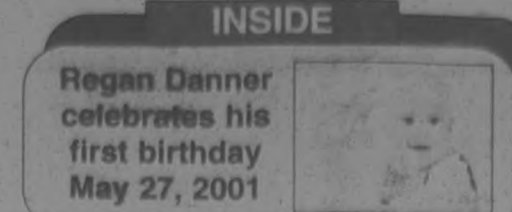
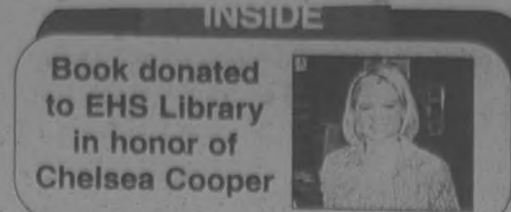


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## Bowden submits letter for retirement to County BOE

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Schools Superintendent Roger Bowden shocked everyone in attendance last Friday afternoon, May 25, during a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education when he submitted his letter for retirement.

With only four members present at the meeting, the board voted unanimously to accept Bowden's letter and approve his retirement which will become effective July 1, 2001.

At that point, John Osburn, an independent education consultant, was introduced to the board. He will assist the board with the process of filling the superintendent's vacancy.

"As a board member, this is the most important decision you will make," Osburn said. "I am here to assist you and facilitate the search process you will be undertaking."

He explained the procedure the board will need to take in filling the position beginning with the announcement of the vacancy. That announcement was made public on Friday, May 25. Interested persons now have until 4 p.m. on June 15, 2001 to submit an application.

Application packets may be requested by contacting the Coffee County Board of Education office.

It will be hard to fill this position," said Charles Walker, chairman of the board. "I've enjoyed our working relationship with Supt. Bowden, and I believe our schools are better off today because of the work he has done."

In regard to the schools, Supt. Bowden told board members that as of the meeting time it was still not known if proration will be a 6.2 percent or 3.9 percent. Although he said it is almost impossible to make decisions concerning the schools' budget until the actual amount of proration is determined, he was able to tell board members that the Coffee County Schools will be in good shape.

"We are fortunate enough in Coffee County to have enough reserves to operate as we normally would," said Bowden. "I will tell you this: We are not going to lose any teachers because of proration."

In other good news, Bowden said all portable classroom units have been eliminated in Coffee County. An overall total of 19 portable units have been replaced.

Dr. Linda Ingram, education coordinator for the Coffee County BOE, updated board members on the unitary status procedure. She said with 146 faculty members in the Coffee County School System there are 132 white teachers, 11 African American teachers and three American Indian teachers. This breakdown helps the schools determine if the racial makeup of the faculty is unitary with the racial makeup of the students.

In other business, the board voted to adopt the textbook committee's recommendation concerning elementary reading books, voted to take bids for duplicating paper and approved personnel changes.

The personnel changes include:

Kinston High School -

Certificated - non-renew John Paul Jones, band director; certificated personnel who will attain tenure, Pam Phillips and Keith Smith.

Kinston High School - Support - accepted the retirement of Jean Weeks, lunchroom manager, accepted the retirement of Mary Lou Weeks, lunchroom bookkeeper, support personnel who will attain tenure during the 2001-2002 school year, Donna Davis, bus driver.

Kinston Elementary School - Certificated - non-renew Genell Swett, first grade teacher; non-renew Julie Martin, third grade teacher.

Kinston Elementary School - Support - support personnel who will attain tenure during the 2001-2002 school year, Sandy Reeve, aide, and Lynn Reeves, nurse.

New Brockton High School - Certificated - the resignation of Angela Wardrobe, math teacher; certificated personnel who will attain tenure, Dale Kelley, Tami Crosby and Marsha Martin.

New Brockton High School - Support - support personnel who will attain tenure during the 2001-2002 school year, William Moguel, alternative education aide.

New Brockton Elementary School - Certificated - accepted the resignation of Michaela Culkin, sixth grade teacher; non-renew Leigh Anne Richburg, special education teacher; non-renew Lisa Colvin, fifth grade teacher; non-renew Linda Lawrence, sixth grade teacher; non-renew Regina Kelley, fourth grade teacher; certificated personnel who will attain tenure, Faye Kelley and Irma Townsend.

New Brockton Elementary School - Support - accepted the resignation of Fabrika Tills, aide; accepted the resignation of Harvey Williams, bus driver; accepted the resignation of Melanie Shuman, bus driver/aide; non-renew Kristy Mulvenon, secretary; support personnel who will attain tenure during the 2001-2002 school year, Crissy Pope, bus driver.

Zion Chapel High School - Certificated - accepted the resignation of Amy Workman, Spanish teacher; non-renew James Wise, social studies teacher and coach; accepted the resignation of Doug Branson as baseball and basketball coach; accepted the resignation of Randy Grant as softball coach; certificated personnel who will attain tenure, Lisa Duebelt, Kenneth Senn and Wanda Corley.

Zion Chapel High School - Support - support personnel who will attain tenure during the 2001-2002 school year, Larry Green, bus driver, James Carter, bus driver, and Brenda Johnson, alternative education aide.

Zion Chapel Elementary School - Certificated - accepted the retirement of Peggy Storey, first grade teacher; approved the voluntary transfer of Lisa Smith from kindergarten teacher to first grade teacher; non-renew Delisa Parrish, fifth grade teacher; non-renew Teresa Ward, third grade teacher; non-renew Ember Griswold, fourth grade teacher; non-renew Debbie Williams, fifth grade teacher.

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McConnell was arrested at a trailer in Coffee County Road 101 and charged with three counts of Theft of Property First Degree (vehicles). McConnell was also charged with Burglary - First Degree by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Inv. Francis said this arrest was a result of a joint investigation by the Elba Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He said the investigation continues, and more charges are expected.

At press time, McConnell remained in the Coffee County Jail.



**A LATE NIGHT HOUSE FIRE LEAD TO A TRAGIC DEATH** Monday night shortly after midnight, a 12:20 a.m. fire alarm alerted the Elba Volunteer Department of a house fire at 754 Reynolds Street. Upon arriving at the scene firefighters found the house engulfed in an extremely hot fire, a propane tank on one side already spewing gas from a relief valve and two victims buildings keeping firefighters from attacking the fire from the back side of the building. Firemen fought flames and heat exhaustion to bring the fire under control and prevent it from spreading to nearby homes. Fire Chief Larry Goodson said they were told of the possibility of someone being in the inferno, but there was no way to check this until the fire was under control. After putting out most of the flames, firemen and police officers entered the burned out, but still smoldering building and with the help of large flashlights, found the body of John Fredrick Carter, white male, age 37, in a back bedroom, on the opposite side of the house from the most severe fire damage. Carter reportedly had been dropped off at the house he was watching for a friend about thirty minutes before the blaze was discovered. Fire officials believe the fire started in the kitchen area, in the vicinity of the stove.

## During Coffee County Commission meeting

### Coffee County Water Authority requests help from commissioners

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission heard a plea for help Tuesday morning, May 29, at its regular bi-monthly meeting from Dr. James Paulk of the Coffee County Water Authority concerning the new water system for the county.

Dr. Paulk told commissioners that currently there are 600 sign ups for the new water system, but more are needed.

"I am here today to ask you for help," Paulk said. "These are your constituents that are not going to get water."

He said there are enough sign ups to go ahead and implement the new water system; however, there are some roads that may be excluded because of lack of

interest among county residents. Currently, roads that could be included in the water system implementation include County Rd. 661, County Rd. 682, County Rd. 643, County Rd. 672, County Rd. 673, County Rd. 420, County Road 2415 (West of 408), County Rd. 717, County Rd. 617 and County Rd. 492.

Paulk asked commissioners to get out and talk with residents in these areas. By discussing the benefits of the new water system, he said hopefully the commissioners could help get more sign ups for the system.

"We are going forward with the project even if we don't have any more sign-ups," Paulk said. "But, we do hope to have more."

## Elba man arrested by local police on theft and burglary charges

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In a bit of good news, Paulk said there are approximately 45 residents in Dale County and 11 or 12 residents in Covington County who have signed up to receive service from the new water system.

He said he believes the water authority will get permission to provide these people with service, but each area will have to appoint one person to serve as a board member for the authority.

Commissioner Robert Stephens acted as duetoneer for the commission during Tuesday's meeting.

The county held an auction for a riding lawn mower which is no longer needed for service. The high bid was \$150 placed by Austin Mixon. The commission voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook addressed the situation concerning the vacancy of the position of real property appraiser for Coffee County. She suggested that Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns be allowed to hire someone for that position. Commissioner Tom Grimsley made a motion that Burns be allowed to hire someone for the position, and Commissioner Jim Thompson seconded the motion.

However, the motion was followed by several minutes of discussion before it was voted upon.

"We advertised for this position in March and have eight certified appraisers who applied at that time," said Commissioner Doug Dalrymple. "I would like for him (Burns) to hire from those eight who have already applied."

At that point, Commissioner Stephens made an amending motion that department heads go back to the regular rules of hiring employees; however, his motion failed due to receiving a second.

Then, Commissioner Dalrymple made an amending motion that Burns hire from the eight applicants received on the March advertisement of the job vacancy. Commissioner Stephens second the motion, but it failed with only Commissioners Dalrymple and Stephens voting in favor.

Commissioners Westbrook, Grimsley, Thompson and Bernest Brooks opposed. Commissioner Kayo Lewis was

not present for Tuesday's meeting. The commission then returned to the original motion to allow Revenue Commissioner Burns to hire someone to fill the real property appraiser position. The motion passed with only Commissioner Dalrymple voting in opposition.

In other business, the commission voted to provide \$15,000 to Enterprise State Junior College to complete the work on the softball field.

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last Saturday the U.S. Congress passed what is described as a "sweeping" tax reform tax cut bill. There are even promises of \$400 refund checks to ALL American taxpayers, to be automatically sent out within the next few months. Many of the promised benefits kick in slowly, over the next ten years. However, if any of our readers are thinking privately that they don't fully understand the changes in the complicated tax laws, remember the following quote, "The hardest thing in the world to understand is income tax." Albert Einstein. If that of mathematical genius couldn't understand the tax code, why should we regular folks think we can figure it out?

A block party in Baltimore turned violent when two gunmen started spraying the crowd with handguns. An even dozen party goers were hospitalized and the gunmen escaped. Ironically the party was in memory of a slain gang member who had lived in the area. He was killed last fall in another shooting. The only comment from others in the neighborhood quoted in the Baltimore daily paper was from one of the party goers honoring the late gang member and he was advocating less violence. We wonder if that means less violence from all of us or just from opposing gangs?

There was a tragic death in Elba Monday night (early Tuesday morning) when a man's body was found in the smoldering ashes of a house fire in the Mulberry area. At this writing, there are more questions than answers, but there is one man dead. This should remind all of us to be especially careful with electrical appliances, cigarettes and other sources of combustion.

It became really official at 9 a.m. Tuesday when Governor Don Siegelman signed HB 768 Economic Development Bond Issue. That is the measure which includes the millions of local match money needed to rebuild the Elba and Geneva levees. The next question, which we have been hearing often since the bill finally passed last week is, "when do we get the check?" Well it will be six to eight weeks before the bonds can be sold, but even then we expect the money to trickle in over the next three years as the projects progress and contractors expect pay checks.

There is no need for alarm clocks as long as the lightning pops as loudly and as early as it did here Tuesday morning. At about 6:20 a.m., when we were still in bed but acknowledging our thankfulness that the old man had survived another night and was still alive, a bolt of lightning woke those in the neighborhood still trying to get a few more winks of sleep and set off at least one security system alarm. We held our breath and said another quick prayer that the next noise wasn't going to be the fire truck siren after someone reported their house was afire from the lightning strike. That prayer was answered and the lightning, which had been flickering in the distance skies for several hours, just went away after that one last big jarring rumble.

This column has grumbled several times in the past about the change to and from daylight savings time. It is an ever growing effort for our brain to adjust to the time changes. Well in Massachusetts there is a move effort to have year-round daylight savings time. This move is being tied by the rising cost of electricity nationwide. Regardless of the pros and cons over the energy saving benefits, our position is to follow this lead or that of Hawaii and Arizona where they stay on standard time year round. Daylight savings was first proposed by none other than Ben Franklin in 1784 after he saw people in Paris wasting candles and lamp oil by staying up until after midnight and then sleeping during three or four hours of good morning daylight. Americans embraced the idea during WWI and again in WWII, both times to conserve energy for the war effort. Then in 1973 the Arab oil embargo caused the U.S. to again use daylight savings to conserve energy. Now every year it is a regular thing of "falling back" in the fall of the year and "springing forward" as the days get longer in the spring.

Many Elba citizens are utilizing the Elba recycling program, but there is still room for greater use. While Elba is a valuable economic benefit to an individual or family, there is a long range benefit to our children and grandchildren. Not having all that stuff piled up in a landfill will pay off for generations to come. Elba is presently recycling cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, newspapers, magazines and office papers plus #1 and #2 plastics. All a person has to do is take their (and maybe that of a neighbor) recycle materials to the parking lot behind the old Elba High School. There you will see the collection bins placed to accept the materials.

While taking your recycling materials to the collection point, it would be a great time to get a visual on just how much additional flood control levee there will be after the pending project is finished. There are flags and stakes on the levee right behind this parking lot which show a six or seven foot increase in height and just how much "wider" the thing will be. The magnitude of the extra height and width is a bit amazing even to me after months of prodding federal, state and city officials to make this improved levee a reality. Looking at the engineers' stakes and flags, it is easy to understand their unshakable confidence in the integrity and holding ability of the strengthened Elba levee. Now if they will get the 'r's dotted and the 't's crossed and get the work going, we can all rest easier.

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## Lessons learned down on the bayou

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It sometimes amazes me that no matter how many times you have been somewhere, there are still things to be learned and experienced.

I have been going to the beach for as long as I can remember. With my parents when I was a child, with classmates when I was a teenager and now with my friends.

Generally, it is the same old routine. You go to the beach, check out the stores, play some miniature golf, ride go-carts, etc.

A couple of weeks ago when I went to the beach with friends, Wesley and Dawn DeVane, we were expecting a routine trip, however, it was anything but that.

Usually, Wesley's parents (Eugene and Virginia DeVane) come home to Elba when we make our trips to the beach, but since it was just the three of us coming down for this trip, they decided to stay along with us.

In return, I got to make a trip to a place I probably would have never known existed had they come home to Elba that week end.

On Saturday morning, Mr. Eugene said he and Mrs.

DeVane had a place they wanted to take us for breakfast.

We all piled in the car and headed for Bayou Joe's, a restaurant located on the Mississippi Bayou around the St. Andrew's Bay area. After turning here and there, I'm not sure I could ever find the place again on my own, but am certainly glad Mr. Eugene took us there that day.

As we pulled into the gravel parking lot, I wasn't sure if I really wanted to have breakfast at this particular establishment. The outside appearance did not look very inviting. But, as they say, looks can be deceiving. In this case, they definitely were.

As we walked through the entrance, we passed several docked boats before reaching the dining area. This consisted of several tables set up on a porch (deck) over the water.

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Having breakfast at Bayou Joe's that Saturday morning was not a life altering experience nor will it much to anyone else, but I had the most fun I can ever remember having at a restaurant. It was definitely an adventure to remember, and will always be a cherished memory of the first time I ate breakfast on a deck over the water which was so close that you could reach out and touch it while feeding the fish, watching the boats sail, enjoying homemade preserves and sealing the deal with a piece of bubble gum.

In the end, it is my wish that everyone has an experience as simple as mine that they enjoy sharing with anyone who will take the time to listen. I guess that can be another lesson from Bayou Joe's. Sometimes the simple things give us our greatest pleasure.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, AKA "The Looters" would like to express our deepest appreciation to The Elba Clipper for your assistance in advertising our efforts for Relay for Life. With your help we were able to spread the word about our team participation in relay for life and exceed our goal in raising money for cancer research. We would also like to thank everyone in the community for their contributions to our efforts. Our projects such as the "Pink Flamingos" and bagging groceries at the Elba Market Place were a huge success. We all know someone, whether it be a family member or a friend that has been affected by cancer. Your donations will one day help find a cure for cancer.

Sincerely,  
Henrietta Grimes and Stacey Parker  
Team Captains

Dear Editor,

Who says Tracey McCooy, the Montgomery judge who heard the Exxon case, is not the brightest of stars in the judicial firmament? She's a smart politician, grabbing every headline possible.

It's true she tramped on every vestige of civil justice that dared raise its head in her court, but what of that? She earned highlighted quotes by tainting Exxon with remarks like, "This isn't going to be drawn out like the Valdez."

Casting aspersions on the defense by calling testimony from an expert witness "B.S." was brilliant. She probably cemented re-election by refuting the ridiculous claim by trial lawyers that Exxon defamed the state. And didn't she refer to the president of the United States as a "jerk"?

I predicted to an AVAALA board member she wouldn't release her decision until after the Birmingham bombing trial so she would be better positioned for headlines. The Blanton verdict hit the streets Wednesday, she released her decision Friday.

Appellate courts will spank her, of course. The \$3.5 billion verdict she upheld is unjust, and she was injudicious to say the least. The award will be lessened to something more fair. But she knew this. She might not be the best of judges, but she is a smart politician.

Sincerely,  
Skip Tucker  
Director  
AVAALA

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 14, 2001, investigated the following incidents: Two burglaries, one criminal mischief, one assault, one unauthorized entry, three theft of property and one disorderly conduct.

The following arrests were made: three for failure to appear, one for harassment, one for credit card fraud, two for failure to pay and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for an expired tag, seven for speeding, one for running a red light, one for running a stop sign, fifteen for no proof of insurance, two for no driver's license, one for violation of seat belt law, four for violation of child restraint law, one for driver's license revoked, nine for no insurance, one for violation of boom box ordinance, one for driving with an expired driver's license and three for driver's license not in possession.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, MAY 21 - River stage - 2.64 feet (6:16 a.m.); Burglary reported on Powell Circle (8:03 a.m.); Routine Activity.

TUESDAY, MAY 22 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Harper Drive (2:19 a.m.); River stage - 2.70 feet (6:33 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at 87N and 203 Bypass (7:13 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 - Alarm at Windham (4:00 a.m.); River stage - 2.57 feet (6:03 a.m.); Alarm at 765 N. Clifton (7:28 a.m.); Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire at Dr. Strong/Dr. Purvis office (12:06 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on

Claxton Ave. at Dairy Queen (3:56 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 24 - River stage - 3.40 feet (6:08 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (2:53 p.m.); Alarm at 1563 Seminole Circle (10:41 p.m.); Alarm at Texaco Food Mart (11:10 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 23418 Hwy 167 (5:49 a.m.); River stage - 3.57 feet (6:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Road 213 (10:52 a.m.); Routine Activity.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 - River stage - 3.13 feet (6:00 a.m.); Wreck reported on Stroud Ave. (10:39 a.m.); Routine Activity.

SUNDAY, MAY 27 - River stage - 2.76 feet (6:00 a.m.); Loud and Excessive music reported on Caroline Street across from Elba Villas (8:28 p.m.); Routine Activity.

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teacher, approved the voluntary transfer of Melinda Hodge from K-5 "special" education teacher to K-8 special education teacher.

Project Independence Support - non-renew Shannon Nelson, bus driver/aide.

County wide - Certified - accepted the retirement of Elizabeth Lindsey, speech therapist, approved the voluntary transfer of Elizabeth Dyess from full-time psychologist to part-time psychologist (county-wide) and part-time Title I reading or Indian Education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Troy King political kickoff rally set for June 23 in Elba

The public is invited to attend the "Troy King for Secretary of State, Kick Off Rally," Bar-B-Q, Saturday, June 23, at 11 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center in Elba.

In Elba, Tickets may be purchased from Liz Murock at 897-5976, Velma Moore at 897-2486 or from Medical Arts and the Elba Chamber of Commerce Office.

Troy King is an Elba native who currently works for Attorney Bill Pryor.

## Obituaries

## LEE HAYWARD (SKEET) REEVES DAY

Mr. Lee Hayward (Skeet) Reeves Day, born Dec. 22, 1925, of Kinston, Ala., died recently.

Graveside services and burial were held May 25, 2001 at the Kinston Cemetery with Rev. George Scott officiating and Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Day was preceded in death by one son, Sylvester (Buddy).

Survivors include Belinda Whitfield Funnell, Little (Tommy) Harris, Chicago, Ill.; Sorlie (Eugenia) Reeves, Lakewood, Calif.; Nathaniel Reeves, Mount Prospect, Ill.; Shelly, Russell, Samson; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

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**D.A.R.E. STUDENT OF THE YEAR...** Pictured above with D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair (left) and Joey Parker (right) is Anna Perry. Perry was presented this award during D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation held on Friday, May 4, 2001. This award is the highest award a sixth grade student can receive upon graduating from the D.A.R.E. program. Officer Blair commented that Anna was very deserving of this honor.

## Elba High School FFA held annual banquet on May 10

The Elba High School FFA held its annual banquet on the night of May 10, 2001. 30 members, parents, advisors, committee members, and faculty attended the banquet.

**ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION**  
Estate of D.L. and Jewel Padgett,  
64 Years of Marriage will be Liquidated  
at an Absolute Auction  
**Sat June 2, 2001**  
**American Legion Building**  
**1084 Neil Grantham Drive**  
**Hwy. 87 - 1 Mile**  
**North of Elba**  
**Doors Open at 7:00 A.M.**  
**Sale Begins at 9:00 A.M.**  
**Sale Continues Until Last Item Is Sold**

**GUNS:** L.C. Smith - Double Barrel - Rabbit Ear - 12 Gauge, 16 Gauge Double Barrel - Bohler Blitz, Stah 1, World War II Japanese Rifle.

**GLASSWARE:** Two pieces of Roseville # 132-7, Roseville 391-8, McCoy Vases, Fenton Hobnail Blue Opalescent, Aqua Opalescent Fenton Hobnail, Morton Pottery Red Stamped Japan Wall Pockets, Carnival Glass Pitcher, Hall Pitcher, Frankoma Cookie Jar, Old Wexford Pitcher, Large Hall Rose White Bowl, Old McCoy Ovenware Set of 12, Fireking Casserole Dishes, Blue Splatter Pitcher, Crochet Crystal 1943-50's Punch Bowl, Royal Copley Vases.

**OLDIES:** Blanket Chest, Military Collectible 1931 Field Manual, Grandfather Clock, Hanson Scales, Onyx Desk Set, Southern Belle Ball Dated Picture - 24X40, Assorted Mantel & Wall Clocks, Hank Williams Sr. Albums, Hand Embroidered Table Cloths, Estate Linens, Entire Sears & Roebuck Mushroom Kitchen Collection, Wooden Serving Cart, Enamel Ware, Collector Books, Chalkware Wall Hangers.

**TOOLS:** Stump Vise, Craftsman 9" Radial Arm Saw, Craftsman 1/2 HP Bench Grinder, Delta Band Saw-93", Wood Joiner-3", Craftsman Heavy Duty Table Saw, Craftsman 10" Table Saw-2.5 HP, 3/4 HP, Sears Air Compressor/Paint Sprayer, Table Vise, Numerous Hand Tools.

**SPECIALTY ITEMS:** Brand New Medicare Approved Lift Chair, 42" Attic Fan, 46" Murray Lawn Mower - 17 HP Twin Automatic Dr. w/ Grass Catcher - Used Two Seasons, RCA Advertisement Wall Clock.

**FURNITURE:** Living Room Suite, Two Dining Room Tables and Chairs, Two Bedroom Suites, Recliners, End Tables, Wicker Lawn Furniture, Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator.

**OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST**  
Concessions Available • No Buyer Premium  
**TERMS:** Cash, Personal Check With Driver's License  
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**Sale Conducted By Roger Boothe**  
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**D.A.R.E. GRADUATING CLASS OF 2001...** Pictured above are the eighty-two class members, their teachers, and D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair. Joey Parker, WSEA-TV personality, was guest speaker for the event and he challenged the students to remember this special day as they enter the "big school." He told them to "keep your act together, do good things, and just dare to say no." He promised them that they would not be outcasts if they resist the pressures put on them by their peers to stray. Also taking part on the program were: Supt. Danny Weeks, Principal Mickey McCollough, and Elba's Chief of Police R.W. Whitworth. Ms. Nancy Crowe's class was recipient of the Class of the Year Trophy.



**D.A.R.E. ESSAY WINNERS...** Pictured above with D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair are the "What D.A.R.E. means to me" essay winners. They are (left) Jennifer Barlow, Ms. Blanton class; Brianna Bailey, Ms. Smith class; Traci Spinks, Ms. Pland's class; and Christina Bryant, Ms. Crowe's class. Officer Blair noted that as in past years, it was very hard in choosing just four winners. All the essays were very well written, he said.



**Valiece Moore receives TSU scholarship**

Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of the Troy State University System, announced that Valiece LaShay Moore of Elba is the recipient of a Troy State University scholarship. Moore is a 2001 graduate of Elba High School and will become a Trojan in the fall of 2001. The scholarship received is the Chancellor's Award which includes the payment of full tuition, renewable for four years.

## EES to sponsor summer program for students

Elba Elementary School will sponsor the program "Star Into Summer" during the month of June.

The purpose of this program is to provide additional skills in the areas of math, language arts, and reading. The event will begin June 4 and continue through June 28 with classes being held from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the elementary school each day. Lunch will be provided and all participants will receive a t-shirt. Parents are responsible for transportation. Also, parents are invited to attend a parenting class. The date of this class will be announced at a later time.

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## Zion Chapel FFA wins awards

Zion Chapel FFA brought home honors from the recent South District eliminations. Each team is coached and sponsored by John McCrory who is the Agriculture teacher at Zion Chapel High School. The Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Team won bronze. Members of this team are Matthew Richards, Andy Kelley, Macon Hodge and Zane Tracy. The Floriculture Career Development Team also won



Left to Right: David Eddins, Billy Wayne Nelson, Josh McWaters, William Stewart and John McCrory.



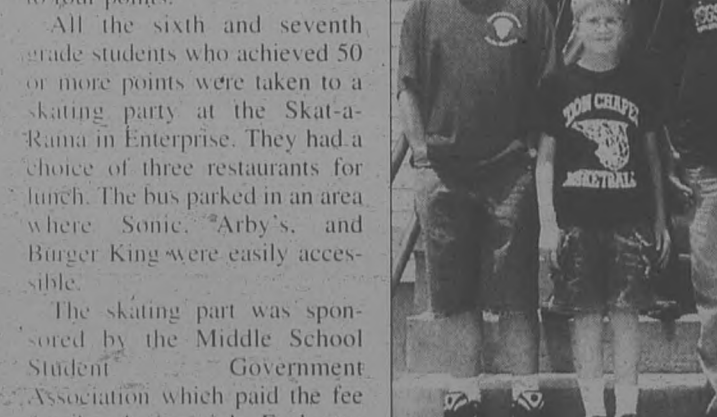
Left to Right: Jarred Flowers, Russell Faircloth, Jonathan Senn, Robert Scott and John McCrory.

## Sixth and seventh grade accelerated readers rewarded

The middle school teachers met a program called Accelerated Reader to enhance the reading skills of their students. A student reads a book then takes a test on the book that is on the Accelerated Reader. The top five accelerated readers in the sixth grade are:

McKinley Arnette (94.6), Loyd White (82.8), Jennifer Taylor (81.8), Todd Grant (76.9) and Erica Lewis (72.6).

The top five accelerated readers in the seventh grade are: Lara Lee Baxley (184.2), Chris Fuller (116.6), Lashonda Cole (111.5), Donna Flowers (106.3) and Ken Flowers (100.3).



Pictured left to right: front row - McKinley Arnette, Loyd White, Jennifer Taylor, Todd Grant and Erica Lewis; back row - Chris Fuller and Lashonda Cole.

## MacArthur State to Host Test Prep Workshop for MOUS Certification

MacArthur State Technical College will host a DDC Training Services Test Prep Workshop for MOUS Certification on Saturday, June 9, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Computer Science Department. The Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS) program is a comprehensive certification program designed to validate desktop computer skills using Microsoft Office applications. MOUS proves computer literacy, measures proficiency, improves productivity and identifies opportunities for skills enhancement.

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Left to Right: Amber Henderson, Brandy Mehaffey, Anastasia Harbuck and John McCrory.



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## Enjoy the summer!

## Class of 2001 Graduation Services

Graduation will be Friday, June 1, 2001, in Green Memorial Stadium at 8 p.m. Featured speakers for the ceremony will be Valedictorian Amie Perry and Salutatorian Kimberly Jordan. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the gymnasium.



Pictured left to right: front row - McKinley Arnette, Loyd White, Jennifer Taylor, Todd Grant and Erica Lewis; back row - Chris Fuller and Lashonda Cole.

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**IN LOVING MEMORY...** A tree has been planted in the high school break area in memory of Kacy Clark who would have been a member of the class of 2002. The red crab apple tree was sponsored by the members of the high school Student Government Association. It has been surrounded with paving stones and a marble plaque has been placed at the foot of the tree. The plaque reads "In Loving Memory of Kacy Lee Clark." A special dedication ceremony was held immediately following the Honors Day program. Sarah Maddox is the SGA president and Mr. Marcus Howell is the sponsor.

Heather Arnold, vice-president of the SGA, stands beside the memorial in the above picture.

## New education savings program available for children and grandchildren Alabama residents

Lucy Baxley, State Treasurer, announced recently the establishment of a new state-sponsored education savings program. The Alabama College Education Savings (ACES) program was created by the Legislature in its current session. Treasurer Baxley pushed for passage of this legislation to add a supplemental savings program to the Alabama Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) program, which already exists as a division of her office. Senator Jimmy Holley, D-Elba and Representative Alan C. Booth, D-Troy sponsored the legislation.

The ACES program will allow parents, grandparents and others to put money in a Fund where it is invested and can later be withdrawn to cover college expenses, including graduate school.

## Graduation 2001

<b>BONELESS BEEF</b> <b>BOTTOM ROUND</b> <b>ROAST</b> <b>\$1.69</b> POUND	<b>COOK'S</b> <b>SHANK PORTION</b> <b>SMOKED HAM</b> <b>99¢</b> POUND	<b>BRYAN'S</b> <b>JUICY</b> <b>JUMBO FRANKS</b> <b>99¢</b> 1 LB. PKG.	<b>FRESH BAGGED</b> <b>WHOLE</b> <b>FRYERS</b> <b>69¢</b> POUND
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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I took the Mularz girls, including Mom, fishing last week at a private pond that was supposed to be filled with bass, bream and catfish. We took the bait that was guaranteed to bring home the fish, but after two hours of watching water we packed it in and headed home. All my girls like to fish (I mean catch fish) and maybe one day soon when we all get a rare day together, we will try again.

## HITS AND MISSES....

\*\*\* The youth baseball season is really in full swing now that the Dixie Pre-Majors League has started its season, and that means that games are being played up at Legion Field just about every night of the week. The younger players are drawing their season to a close as they prepare for All-Star tournaments, while the older guys will play a lot of games in a very short span and then head off to their tournament. With no tournaments scheduled for Elba this summer in either baseball or softball it will mean a lot of miles for the parents and players to log, but everyone likes to play and watch the games, and I am sure the support will be great.

\*\*\* Elba's Tim Ware has signed a basketball scholarship with an NAA school up in Kentucky, but hinted last week that he might, void the pact and join former Calhoun coach John Douglas down at Gulf Coast Community College, in Panama City. Ware was left without a scholarship after Calhoun dropped athletics, but has had numerous offers and signed with the college in Kentucky while waiting to see where his old coach settled. Now that Douglas has made a step at the beach, look for Ware to head South and continue to learn under Douglas, known as one of the top coaches in the nation, regardless of school.

\*\*\* The folks down in Gainesville are sweating bullets these days concerning an alleged gambling link to a Gator basketball player. The NCAA and SEC have both been notified about the internal investigation underway, and I have already read several columns about how the investigation will turn up many other problems. That is just talk at this time, but this small town sportswriter hopes there is nothing wrong and for once a college athlete is found innocent and given an apology.

\*\*\* Talking about problems, the football and basketball programs at Alabama continued to take their hits last week as players headed for the city limits. The Tide lost two more players from the football team and might have to hold open try-outs if many more players exit, while the Tide basketball team lost one of its few big men and also seems bothered by all the problems on campus. I will be glad when the house cleaning at Tuscaloosa gets finished and the sportswriters can get back to reporting sports.

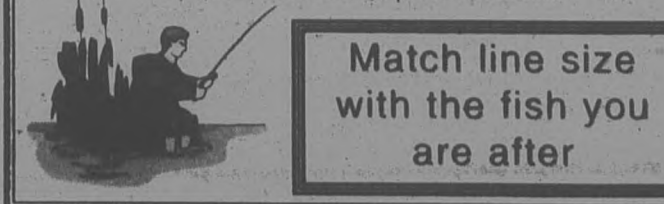
\*\*\* The Brantley Bulldogs competed in a spring football barn-bore last week against Goshen and came out on the short-end of a 24-0 score. The Bulldogs will be a lot better than many people think by the time the 2001 season rolls around, but it might take a few years before the folks up in Brantley see the type of teams that have piled up the wins in recent years. Keep the faith Bulldogs fans, your "Dogs" still have teeth and will grow up in a hurry.

\*\*\* In closing....The head football job is being advertised at Elba High, and while I believe that assistant coach Mike Waters is the front runner for the job, I am sure many other coaches will apply. Elba has always been a job that other coaches look at with curiosity, and it should be interesting in the weeks to come. One thing for certain, whoever gets the job will have to sell himself and the sport of football to the players, and get the numbers back up before the Tigers will once again be big winners.

Let's Go...

## Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Match line size with the fish you are after

Anyone who has ever stood before a display full of different brands and types of casting and spinning line knows that choosing line can be confusing. A person going after panfish or trout on a mountain vacation wants much lighter line than the one who is hoping to catch giant catfish in a large reservoir.

The pound-test rating listed on the box of line refers to the straight pulling strength of the line. For example, 6-pound test line will withstand a straight pull of six pounds before breaking. Most people are surprised at how much pressure even a six-pound pull is. To check it out, tie your line to a scale, like the one you use to weigh check, it out. Then pull on the other end of the line to bring the reading on the scale to six pounds. It takes a surprising amount of effort.

Abrasion resistance is especially important if you will be fishing around rocks, brush, heavy weeds, or other thick cover. If your line will be dragging over these rough surfaces, it needs to be engineered to resist snagging and nicks. Most premium monofilament lines such as Stren offer good resistance to abrasion, and there are lines formulated with harder surfaces designed specifically for extra resistance to abrasion. To test your line for nicks and scuffs that could cause it to break while you're fighting a fish, wet your fingers and run the line between them. You will feel any roughness that indicates abrasion. When this happens, cut off the rough length of line and re-tie.

When you tie a knot in fishing line, that knot is weaker than a straight piece of line. Premium lines generally have very high knot strength, and they will hold at or near the pound-test rating, even at the knot. Cheap line may have much lower knot strength, and may break at a fraction of its rated pound-test.

Controlled stretch and the proper limpness are two more features to consider when choosing line. All monofilament lines stretch when they are pulled, but some stretch too easily. Easily stretched lines lose strength and sensitivity. Line rated at 6-pound test is naturally going to be limpier than 30-pound test line. But the brand of line you choose also has a lot to do with it. Premium lines are able to achieve higher strength with a thinner diameter and proper limpness.

Line color is often an important factor. The better your line blends with the water, the more natural your presentation will be. Choose a good, quality line and you won't have to worry as much about breaking off when you've got the fish of a lifetime tugging on your line.

Our ancestors had to chase down wild horses to obtain hair from their tails to weave fishing line. I wonder if they selected horsetails for color and flexibility. Who knows-fishermen have always been a picky lot.

Tell'em you read it in....

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## Scoreboards working overtime

## DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL

\*\*\* Scorpions 7 Cyclones 4 - The Scorpions scored 7 runs in the opening inning and held on to down the Cyclones 7-4. Courtney Senn got 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Scorpions, while Brooke Stinson and Erica Lewis both drew 2 walks and scored once. Jennifer Hilyer drew 2 walks and scored 2 runs for the Cyclones, while Tori Stone walked twice and scored once.

\*\*\* Bandits 10 Scorpions 0 - The Bandits jumped ahead early and rolled to a 10-0 win over the Scorpions. Chessie Cross, and Ashley Carpenter both got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Bandits, while while Tierney Starks, Erica Daniels, and Tiffany Johnson all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Senn got 1 hit for the Scorpions.

\*\*\* Steal 14 Bandits 5 - The Steal scored runs in every inning to outscore the Bandits 14-5. Melanie Mularz got 4 hits, including 3 home runs, and scored 4 runs to lead the Steal while Haley Stinson added 4 hits and scored 4 runs. Kayla Miller got 4 hits and scored 3 runs. Hannah Manning added 3 hits and scored 1 run, and Megan Anderson and Anna Petty both got 2 hits and scored 1 run. Jennifer Barlow got 2 hits, including a home-run, and scored 2 runs to lead the Bandits.

\*\*\* Steal 11 Cyclones 8 - The Steal pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Cyclones 11-8. Krystan Parker and Hannah Manning both got 2 hits and scored 1 run for the Steal, while Melanie Mularz added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Brandy Caldwell scored 2 runs, and Megan Anderson, Haley Stinson, Brittany Caldwell and Heather Reeves all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jennifer Hilyer got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Cyclones, while Valerie Hutcherson added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Gwynn Costner, Bridget Kelley and Brandi Daniel all added 1 hit, and scored 1 run.

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## DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL

\*\*\* Pride 10 Buzz 3 - The Pride used a big second inning to move ahead and held on to down the Buzz 10-3. Amy Hill got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Pride, while Jessie Hilyer added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Tia White added 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Buzz, while Ashley Hudson ripped a double to lead the Buzz, while Courtney Nelson added a single and also scored 1 run.

\*\*\* Bees 11 Pride 3 - The Bees scored in every inning to outscore the Pride 11-3. Becky Baer got 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Bees, while while Megan Sullivan and Taylor Creel both added 3 hits and scored 2 runs, and Marissa Thomas, Haley Lindsey and Brittany Johnson all added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Courtney Nelson added a single and also scored 1 run.

\*\*\* Patriots 17 Bees 6 - The Patriots scored runs in bunches to roll past the Bees 17-6. Mia Taylor got 3 hits, including 2 home runs, and scored 4 runs to lead the Patriots, while Vanessa Stuckey added 3 hits and scored 3 runs. April Findore added 3 hits and scored 2 runs, and Amber Hawkins and Sara White both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Lindsey Sikes got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Bees, while Becky Baer and Megan Sullivan both added 2 hits and scored 1 run.

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## DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL

Thomas and Becky Baer all scored 2 runs for the Bees. Amy Hill scored 3 runs for the Pride. \*\*\* Patriots 8 Buzz 8 - The Buzz rallied late to catch the Patriots in an 8-8 tie. Leana Chelsey and H. Piez, both got 2 hits to lead the Buzz. Vanessa Stuckey and Mia Taylor both got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Patriots, while Amber Hawkins and Kelly Green both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. \*\*\* Buzz 4 Bees 3 - The Buzz scored 3 runs in their final at-bat to ease past the Bees 4-3. Nicole Holloway scored 2 runs to lead the Buzz, while Ashley Hudson and Lindsey Amfong both scored 1 run. Ashley Cooks and Courtney Richardson both got 2 home runs for the Bees, while Beck Baer added 2 hits.

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## DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

\*\*\* Brewers 22 Kinston 1 - The Brewers scored 12 runs in the top of the third inning to pull away and defeat Kinston 22-1. Brad Sullivan blasted 2 home runs and a triple and scored 4 runs to lead the Brewers, while Martin McCormick added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Don Rhoades got 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Steven Driggers added 1 hit and scored 4 runs, and Trey Martin got 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Adam Henderson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Hataway hit a home-run to lead Kinston.

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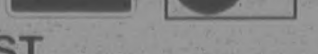
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## NBHS seniors awarded various scholarships

During a recent honors day program, several New Brockton High School seniors were recognized. Those being honored for receiving scholarships to various colleges include:

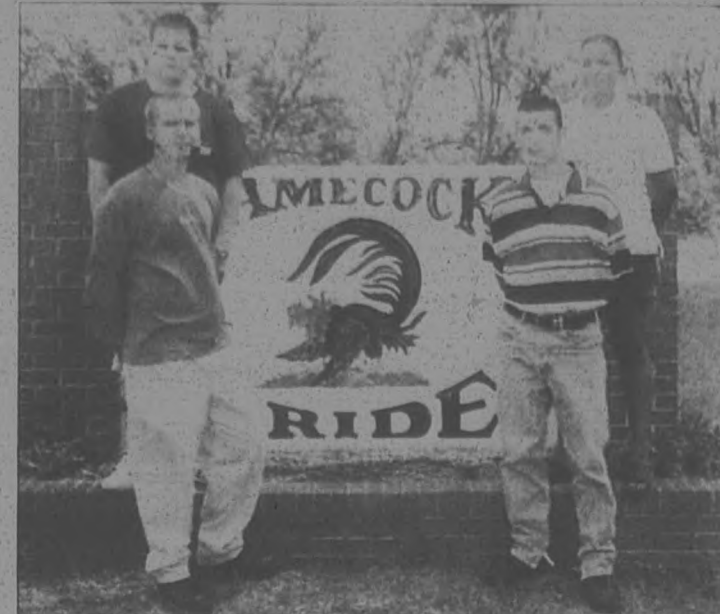
- Jeffrey Campbell, Chancellor's Scholarship at the University of Arkansas
- Jeffery Campbell, ROTC MacArthur State Scholarship - District II
- Stephen Rodgers, Principal's Scholarship and Community Foundation MacArthur State Technical College Scholarship at Fort Rucker
- Society of American Military Engineers
- Kelli Nichols, Judson College
- Kelli Hilyer, ESIC Academic and Olen D. Robertson Foundation Engineering Scholarship
- Lori Donaldson, Nathan Rainey Performing Arts Chancellor Scholarship to Troy State
- David Virag, Academic to ESIC Academic to Alabama State and Upward Bound
- Matt Windham, Academic to ESIC
- Jared Hussey, MacArthur State Technical College Scholarship
- Casey Green, MacArthur State Technical College Scholarship
- Lee Bloodworth, MacArthur State Technical College Scholarship
- Jimmy Laxon, University of Alabama
- Capstone Scholarship, University of Alabama
- Leadership and Metallurgical Engineering Scholarship
- Misty Strickland, Arts Scholarship to ESIC
- and Klemmer's Inc. Scholarship
- Nathan Rainey, Olen D. Robertson-Mummi Scholarship



From left, Misty Strickland, Matt Windham and Kelli Hilyer all received scholarships to attend ESIC, along with other awards.



These NBHS seniors received various scholarships to continue their education. Pictured from left to right is, from row - Lori Donaldson and David Virag; back row - Kelli Nichols and Jimmy Laxon.



Receiving scholarships to attend MacArthur State Technical College were from left, front row - Stephen Rodgers and Lee Bloodworth; back row - Jared Hussey and Casey Green.

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## Barry Giles joins The Peoples Bank of Coffee County staff

Doris Matthews, president and CEO of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, has announced that Barry M. Giles has joined the staff of The Peoples Bank.

With over 27 years of banking experience, he will serve as senior vice-president and loan officer.

A native of Huntsville, Alabama, Giles has been a resident of Elba for 24 years. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1974 with a BS degree in Accounting and Business Administration. Giles also graduated from the School of Banking of the South, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1980.

Giles is a veteran of the Vietnam War, having been awarded the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart.

A member of the City of Elba Industrial Development Board and the Elba Economic Development Board, Giles is a



Barry M. Giles

past president and current member of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and past chairman and current member of the City of Elba Zoning Board. He is also past president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Elba Rotary Club where he presently serves as a member.

Giles is a member of the Elba United Methodist Church and serves on its Finance and Committee and Administrative Board. He and his wife Kathy have three children: Kara and Warren (Elba) and Amy Giles Rodriguez of Dallas, Texas.

"We are very excited to have someone with Barry's experience and strong financial background joining our PBCC family," said Matthews. "Barry knows the people of Coffee County and knows how to meet their financial needs."

## Bridal Registry

Julie Minix & Jason Holley  
4/22/01 Wedding 6/9/01  
Misty Kelley & Lance Tindol  
Shower 5/6/01 Wedding 6/2/01  
Kelly McLain & Lance McCollough  
Shower 6/3/01 Wedding 6/23/01  
Desiree Davis & Chris Parrish  
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